

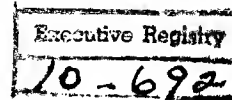
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 30 January 1958

SUBJECT : New Special Committee of the OCB

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Helms, Mr. Parrott



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At the Director's request, Mr. Helms and I called on Mr. Dearborn today to discuss with him his ideas in connection with the interagency committee which he has proposed to the OCB.

Mr. Dearborn stated that he viewed the functions of this committee as follows: to anticipate moves which the Soviet bloc might intend to make; to inspire a quicker U.S. reaction to such moves; and to provide for a selective screening of ideas for cold war action, before their presentation to the OCB. He said that he hoped that the group could carry on "uninhibited discussions of policy," even though it is recognized that the formulation of policy is within the purview of NSC and not of OCB. He said that he saw the committee as working within the OCB framework, that he hoped there would be a minimum of paper work, and that he would expect the individual agencies to conduct operational planning within their own frameworks. He proposed to call it the Special Committee of the OCB.

He said that he hoped the members of the committee would spend some time between their weekly meetings with him in informing themselves on going and planned operations within their respective

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agencies, so that they could be prepared for substantive discussions. He said that he would like to hold the meetings either late in the morning or late in the afternoon on Mondays or Thursdays, and he would expect them to be over in about an hour and a half. He scheduled the first meeting for Monday, February 3, at 4:00, in the OCB Conference Room (357 Executive Office Building).

The following individuals have been designated as members of the committee:

State	- Mr. Reinhardt (Alternate, Mr. Matthews, of the Policy Planning Staff)
Defense	- Mr. Harr
CIA	- Mr. Wisner
USIA	- Mr. Bradford
ICA	- Mr. William Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Director
Treasury	- Mr. A. Gilmore Flues, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
AEC	- Admiral Foster
OCB	- Mr. Staats
Recording Secretary	- Mr. Mrozinski

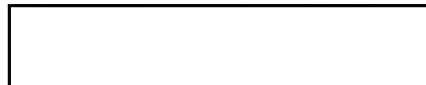
Mr. Dearborn went on to say that he did not contemplate that NSC 5412/2 matters would usually be considered; but items of this type which required detailed discussion (e. g. NSC 123) should be raised with him and he would decide whether they should have preliminary discussion by this group, or part of it, before going on to the Designated Representatives. In this connection he stated that he was an authorized alternate for Mr. Cutler as a Designated Representative.

He said that he had a feeling that the old Rockefeller idea of a cold war Waroom might be revived. This, he recognized, would undoubtedly require additional staff, and in any case he hoped such a project would not be necessary. To Mr. Helms rejoinder that the committee under discussion might well obviate the need of any such installation, he replied that this could be true.

We then gave Mr. Dearborn a book containing approximately fifty ideas distilled from the thousands collected within CIA during

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the recent "idea" exercise, along with two or three "think pieces." He said he would look these over and perhaps discuss some of them at the first meeting.



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